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In re Reissue Application of
CHRISTOPHER J. STEVENS
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For: CORRECTION TAPE DISPENSER

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Examiner Mayes GROUP 1100
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Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

In the Reasons For Allowance attached to the Notice of Allowability (Paper No. 4), the Examiner referred to "the past of the tape" at page 2, paragraph 1, line 7. Applicant believes that the Examiner meant to refer to "the path of the tape".

Further, as discussed with Examiner Mayes by telephone on September 4, 1998, the Notice Of References Cited (PTO-892) did not include EPO Application No. 0479221A2, 4/1992, cited in the original U. S. Patent 5,393,368. Accordingly, applicant requests the Examiner to issue a supplemental Form PTO-892 to cite the EPO application in this reissue case.

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[54] CORRECTION TAPE DISPENSER

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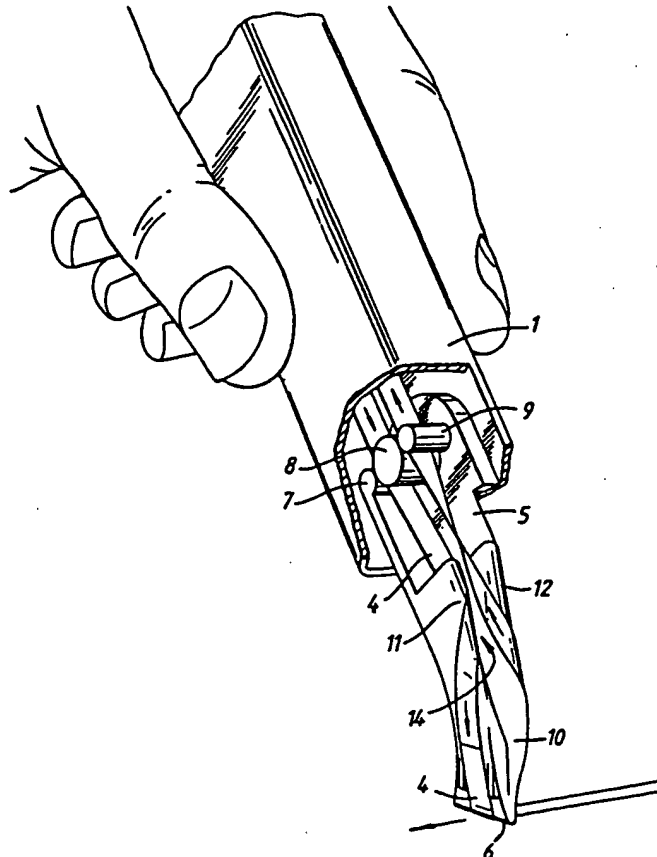
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[57] ABSTRACT

In a correction tape dispenser, wherein a backing ribbon carrying a layer of correcting composition is fed from a supply spool (2) around the edge (6) of an applicator tip (10) used to press the tape against a paper surface (P) to transfer the layer of correcting composition onto the paper, and back to a take-up spool (3), a tape guide system (11,12; 22,23) is provided near the tip to redirect the tape, the tip edge (6) being at an angle to the feed direction so that the body of the tape dispenser may be held in a forwardly and downwardly inclined orientation similar to that in which a writing instrument is normally held.

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